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Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Queenie S. Dehgham

Title: Hydrogen Resistant Optical Fiber Formation Technique

In response to a final office action dated March 1, 2007, attached please find the following:

1. Transmittal Form (1 page)
2. Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8 (1 page)
3. Claims as Amended (1 page)
4. Amendment (2 pages)

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TOTAL CLAIMS FOR FEE PURPOSES	20	MINUS	20	0	X \$50	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	MINUS	2	0	X \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) First presented with this amendment, if applicable	0		0	0	X\$360	0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Remarks

Reconsideration of claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

In the Office action dated March 1, 2007, the Examiner issued a Final Rejection against all pending claims under 35 USC §§ 102(e) and 103(a). The Antos et al. reference (of record) was the basis of each of these rejections, either as the only cited reference or the primary reference within the rejection.

In the applicant's prior amendments and arguments (filed December 12, 2006), the applicant asserted that Antos et al. could not be found to anticipate, disclose or suggest the subject matter of the present invention in that Antos et al. does not describe the use of a metal halide flow in an "oxygen-free ambient", as required by rejected independent claims 1 and 19.